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SUBJECT: NKOMO- NATIONALISTS SEEK SOCIALIST ASSISTANCE BECAUSE
OF WEST'S LACK OF SUPPORT

1. IN LOCAL TELEVISION INTERVIEW EVENING OF MARCH 23 PATRIOTIC
FRONT LEADER JOSHUA NKOMO SAID THAT EFFORTS OF THE NATIONALISTS
TO GET AID FOR THZIR STRUGGLE FRON WESTERN COUNTIRES HAVE BEEN
FRUITLESS BECAUSE THE WHITE SETTLERS' SYSTEM IN RHODESIA IS THE
MAKING OF WESTERN CAPITALISM AND IMPERIALISM. "WE AS FIGHTERS
AGAINST THESE EVIL SYSTEMS , HAVE COOPERATED WITH SOCIALIST
COUNTIRES TO REMOVE THE EVILS AND THE MINORITY SYSTEM OF
GOVERNMENT WHICH HAS TORTURES OUR PEOPLE FOR YEARS".

2. NKOMO VIEWED THE VISITS OF PODGORNYY AND CASTRO AS AN OPPORTUNITY
FOR BOTH LEADERS TO ACQUIRE FIRST HAND INFORMATION ABOUT THE
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NATIONALISTLIBERATION STRUGGLE AND THE MOVEMENTS THEY HAVE
BEEN ASSISTING OVER THE YEARS.

3. NKOMO REBUFFED A QUESTION ABOUT CUBAN LIBERATION OF ANGOLA,
OBSERVING THAT NETO CALLED IN THE CUBANS AFTER INDEPENDENCE FOR
"THE STABILIZATION OF THE COUNTRY". DENYING RHODESIAN NATION-
LISTS INTEND TO INVOLVE OTHERS IN THEIR STRUGGLE DIRECTLY,

NKOMO SAID, "WE WILL FIGHT OUR OWN WAR".

4. REGARDING NATIONALIST' AFFAIRS NKOMO BRIDLED AT A QUESTION ABOUT HOW HE, A MODERATE, AND MUGABE, A RADICAL, WOULD WORK TOGETHER. IN A HEATED REPLY NKOMO SAID, "THIS IS THE PROPAGANDA OF THE WESTERN MASS MEDIA". HE ADDED, "THERE IS NO RADICAL OR MODERATE BETWEEN US. WE WORK TOGETHER AGAINST ONE ENEMY - SMITH THE ENEMY OF THE PEOPLE OF ZIMBABWE". THE PF HAS TWO FUNCTIONS FIRSTLY, TO UNIFY THE ARMIES OF ZANU AND ZAPU TO FIGHT SMITH AND THEB TO CONSOLIDATE THESE ARMED FORCES INTO ONE ARMY TO DEFEND ZIMBABWE INDEPENDENCE.

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